

from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

During the coming week we celebrate the faith-filled lives of several saints of the Church. These men and women, several of whom were martyrs, remind us that the call to holiness has been extended to people from the first days of the Church.

St. Lawrence was a deacon of Rome and an assistant to Pope Sixtus II. He was martyred by being burned alive in 258.

St. Pontian served as Pope from 230-235. He abdicated after being arrested and sent into exile to work the mines in Sardinia. St. Hippolytus was exiled with St. Pontian and both died in Sardinia.

St. Clare of Assisi was a great friend of St. Francis of Assisi and the foundress of the Poor Clares. She died in 1253 and was canonized two years later. St. Clare is patroness of the blind, laundry women, embroiderers, gilders, glaziers, glass painters and modern television.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal was the foundress of the Order of the Visitation, a cloistered community. She was married and widowed and the mother of children. In 1610 she founded the Congregation of the Visitation due to the encouragement of St. Francis de Sales. Before her death in 1641 she founded sixty convents.

St. Edith Stein was a convert to Catholicism from Judaism. She was a brilliant writer and philosopher. On entering religious life, she became Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. She was arrested in 1942 and was sent to the concentration camps of Auschwitz where she was martyred in the gas chamber in 1942.

St. Maximilian Kolbe was a Franciscan priest born in Poland. He was ordained a priest in 1918, in Rome, and was known for his great devotion to our Blessed Mother. He was arrested in 1941 and sent to Auschwitz. On August 14, 1941 he took the place of another prisoner, a husband and father, who was to be executed. He died from an injection of carbolic acid. He was canonized in 1982.

These various holy men and women from the early Church down to our own day serve as models for us, challenges to us and intercessors for us. Learn about the saints, cultivate devotion to them and they will assist you as you strive to live your faith.

All holy men and women, pray for us!

Have a great New Castle Week!

WORDS TO PONDER – "The mystery of the poor is this: that they are Jesus, and what you do for them you do for Him."
Dorothy Day

PRO LIFE – "Abortion is the most lucrative part of Planned Parenthood's operations. They really want to increase the number of abortions so they can increase their income." Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood clinic director. *NRL News, January, 2010*

THE SAINTS CORNER ST. DAVID LEWIS (d. 1679)

... one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. He was born in Monmouthshire, England, in 1616 and was educated at Abergavenny, Wales. Born into an Anglican family, David converted to the faith and studied for the priesthood in Rome; he became a Jesuit in 1645. David worked in southern Wales for thirty-one years, using the alias of Charles Baker. Eventually, arrested by English authorities, he was martyred in Usk. As a martyr of England and Wales, he was canonized in 1970.

Feast day: August 27

CONGRATULATIONS – to members of our parish who made the Honor Roll at St. Elizabeth High School for the 4th quarter. First Honors – Thomas Truitt, Kyle Rodkey, James Hiner, Michelle Gibbons, Leah Masiello, Lindsey Gott, Catherine Kirk, Andrew Crowe & Emily Bogush. Congratulations to them. Keep up the good work!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – If you have not yet made a pledge, or a one time gift, its not too late to do so. Your gift, of whatever size, helps our diocese to continue its many ministries. Thank you for your generosity!

A PRAYER FOR JOB SEEKERS

Gracious and loving God, you know our need for meaningful work. Send your Holy Spirit to guide those who are searching for employment. Help them to recognize the gifts and talents you have given them. Deepen their desire to follow your will. Inspire them as they contact potential employers. Give them patience as they wait for responses. Shelter them from feelings of rejection. Protect them from discouragement. Give them courage to overcome fear. Shower on them the graces they need to persevere. Let this time of searching become an opportunity to grow in faith, to cultivate the virtue of hope, and to experience your healing love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS FOR FUNERALS



Our parish is in need of a few adults who would be available during the summer months and on weekends to serve funerals. Our school student servers are not available during these times. Please speak to Fr. Klevence if you are interested. Father will provide the necessary on-the-job training!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63, or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15



Saturday, August 7

5:00PM Deceased members of the VanVeen Family
req. by McLaughlin Family

Sunday, August 8

8:00AM Jim Kirk req. by Jerry & Maryann Connor
9:30AM Justine Kearns req. by Deacon Tom & Marita Halko
11:00AM Healing for Brian Atkins req. by St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monday, August 9

8:00AM James Cannon req. by Pat & Elizabeth Wykpisz

Tuesday, August 10

8:00AM Helen Dougherty req. by Frank & Maureen Vitalo

Wednesday, August 11

8:00AM Donna Maguire (Birth) req. by husband, children, grandchildren & parents

Thursday, August 12

8:00AM Anthony Compagnoni (Anniv.) req. by Carole Ann Kelly

Friday, August 13

8:00AM Jim Kirk req. by St. Vincent de Paul Society

Saturday, August 14

5:00PM Jane & Dino Camponelli req. by Anthony Camponelli

Sunday, August 15

8:00AM James Cannon req. by Work Force
9:30AM Charles Crompton req. by Mary (Bunny) Smith & Family
11:00AM Herb Swanson req. by Bill & Judy Barthel

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Please call the parish office before you come in. The office will be closed or hours shortened some days to allow for staff vacations.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Due to the Privacy Act, the hospitals cannot announce your presence without your permission. When you check in, please indicate that you are a parishioner of St. Peter the Apostle Parish and ask to be included in the hospital directory.

If you do not give this information at the time of your admission, either through the Admitting Office or the Emergency Room, the parish office will not be informed that you are in the hospital for visitation.

NEED A SPECIAL GIFT OR REMEMBRANCE?

Are you looking for a lifelong, unique gift or remembrance for your loved one? Do you have someone special who is hard to buy for? Why not dedicate a memorial brick in Our Lady of Peace Garden in their name. Memorials can be offered for the living or the deceased. These bricks are placed around the statue of the Blessed Mother.

Forms for memorial names are on the back windowsill in church. The memorial offering per brick is \$200. Completed forms and checks should be dropped off at the parish office or in the offertory basket.

CATECHISTS NEEDED!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Religious Education Program is in need of teachers/catechists willing to share their faith and talents with our youth. If you are able to join us, please contact Amy Platt @ 650-2454.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS NEEDED!

Our parish Confirmation group will meet this Fall to start their journey toward receiving this important sacrament in April. We are in need of one or more adult catechists to help in this process. The group meets about once a month after the 9:30 Mass. If you would like to be a part of the team, even if you think you may not be able to attend every session, please contact Deacon Halko by calling the Parish Office @ 328-2335 or email TGHALKO@AOL.COM for more details.

Would you like to learn more about the Roman Catholic faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, known as R.C.I.A. begins in September. This year we will again be joining our neighboring parishes, Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Fatima to share our resources to offer formation sessions that are part of the R.C.I.A. Sessions will take place at Our Lady of Fatima. Anyone interested in entering the Roman Catholic Church or learning more about our Church is welcome to attend. For more information or to ask questions, please call Father Lunness @ 328-2335.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, August 9

Memorial of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Tuesday, August 10

Feast of St. Lawrence

7:00PM Rosary/Chapel

Wednesday, August 11

Memorial of St. Clare

Thursday, August 12

Memorial of St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Friday, August 13

Memorial of Ss. Pontian & Hippolytus

3:00PM Divine Mercy Novena/Chapel

Saturday, August 14

Memorial of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

8:00AM Run/Walk



Sunday, August 15

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Today Jesus tells us that "much will be required of the person entrusted with much." We who are adequately fed, sheltered, and clothed must work for the fulfillment of God's reign on earth—for love, justice, peace, holiness, and truth to prevail throughout the world. We who have much must work to bring those who have little to the banquet of life.

For more information, contact the head of our Social Concerns Committee @ 328-7805.

Sacristans: Pat Bakshi & Deanie Taylor



Volunteers needed for school grounds spruce up; weeding and hedge trimming (August 9th) and spreading mulch (August 16th) at 6PM. Please bring any tools necessary. Contact: Jackie Zebley at jackiexz@comcast.net.

Calling all moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles & friends: St. Peter's lunch program needs you! Just 2 hours a week (11 –1) is all we are asking. The lunch program is a success and enjoyed by the students. Serving lunch, selling drinks & snacks, cleaning up is rewarded by their smiles, their thanks and getting to know them. We would not do this year after year if it weren't enjoyable, but we need your help. Please contact us and you will enjoy the experience: Sandy McNally @ 328-7971, Rae Kidurkis @ 659-3164 or e-mail sjm6657@verizon.net.



PURCHASE SCHRIP GIFT CARDS AT CHURCH

Support Catholic Education at St. Peter School without spending any additional money!!Scrip Gift Cards are available after 9:30AM Mass. **Volunteers are needed to man this table.** If you can help **just one Sunday a month** from 10:30 – 11AM please call Patti Bebbington @ 836-1794. Checks and cash are accepted. **You hand us the cash; we hand you the card!!!** Please bring your family member's phone number so the credit can be applied to their tuition account. If you do not have a child in our parish school, the credit from your purchase will go into a general school fund.

What do I do with my Campbell Soup labels & "Box Tops"?

If you have any of the above to contribute, please drop them in the jar in the church meeting room. This is an easy way to help our school students! Thanks!! Please drop your Box Tops and Campbell Soup labels in the collection bin in the church meeting room. Now you can contribute used ink cartridges from computers and printers for recycling. If you have any questions you may contact the program coordinator, Tsha @ 824-8166 or email tmeja@verizon.net.

RENT OUR HALL FOR YOUR EVENT PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF CONTACT PERSON

All events in Msgr. Crowley Hall are reserved through Betty Tomczak at 328-0996. Rentals are available at reasonable rates.

Please telephone Betty to plan your get-together for birthdays, weddings, bridal showers, baby showers, funerals and other occasions. It is necessary to call Marie to gain entry and arrange time to set up to avoid conflicts with other functions and cleaning.

JUST A REMINDER: Please do not use tape or any type of adhesive, which removes the paint, on the walls or poles in Msgr. Crowley Hall. Tables and chairs belonging to the parish facilities are not available for lending.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?

Looking for some good tips on nurturing your marriage? Visit www.foryourmarriage.org, the U. S. Bishops' marriage website. Email the website to your family and friends.

VOCATIONS

Today's second reading reminds us that "by faith Abraham obeyed when he was called." Sometime we have an inkling that God might be calling us to something, but we're either afraid or we've already decided that we want something else. In the end, though, how can we really find satisfaction or fulfillment unless we're doing what God created us to do?

Are you being called to priesthood or religious life? If you think so, be not afraid – let's try to listen more clearly for God's gentle voice. Call or write Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocation @ 573-3113 or jcocucci@cdow.org.

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Diocese of Wilmington will sponsor a "Priesthood Discernment Vocation Retreat" weekend, August 20-22 at the Jesuit Center in Wernersville, PA. This retreat is open to single men, ages 18-40, who believe God might be calling them to the priesthood. The cost of the retreat is \$100; some need-based assistance is available. For more information, contact Fr. Joe Cocucci @ 573-3113 or jcocucci@cdow.org.

SHOP ONLINE & SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES!

What if Catholic Charities earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or, how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support Catholic Charities? Well, now it can! GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. At Good Shop every time you place an order you'll be supporting your favorite cause. This online shopping mall will donate up to 37% of each purchase.

Go to www.GoodSearch.com and choose Catholic Charities (Wilmington, DE) as the charity you want to support. Because Yahoo powers the search, you will receive quality search results, and Catholic Charities will receive a donation.

GRAN CENA BAILE IN SUPPORT OF CORAZON ALIMENTADO

Come and enjoy the best of Hispanic food and music! Enjoy learning some dancing moves to Latin music; kids will be having a ball with the entertainment. There is a chance to win \$1,500 in cash. This is a great opportunity to have fun and help to support the counseling Center at St. Paul's that serves the poor and the needy of our community.

This great event will take place at St. Catherine of Siena's Gym on **August 21st**. Admission ticket is \$10. If you would like to buy a ticket, help, or simply get more information, please contact: **Sister Theresa Marie Elitz @ 576-4121**.

VACATION MASS GUIDE

For Mass times, while vacationing, visit www.cdow.org and click on Vacation Mass Guide. For locations outside of our diocese, go to www.masstimes.org or call 1-800MASSTIMES.

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